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The Memorial Chapel of the Holy Communion is located at 2631 Wharton Street in downtown Philadelphia. The corporation of the Church of the Holy Apostles' holds title to approximately a third of a city block on which are located the vicarage, church with cloister, and parish hall. The church building is a stone structure in excellent condition, seating approximately 400 persons. It is estimated that the church has a replacement value of \$75,000.00. The 9-room vicarage is a stone structure in excellent condition with relatively large front and back yards. The replacement value of the vicarage is estimated to be \$40,000.00.

THE CHURCH NEIGHBORHOOD

Using the United States Census data for 1960 as a guide it is seen that at that time there were approximately 43,548 persons living within this parish area, of which some 22,904, or 52.6%, were non-white persons. The following information on the community as it was at that time is shown in chart form:

CENSUS TRACT OR ZONE	POPULATION		%	%		%
	1950	1960		14 &	65 &	
			CHANGE	UNDER	OVER	NON-WHITE
36-C	NA	5,046	-	31.5	9.6	89.5
36-A	NA	4,614	-	28.7	11.4	98.9
36-F	NA	9,677	-	28.7	8.3	34.7
36-D	NA	14,971	-	34.1	7.4	18.7
30-B	10,693	9,240	-13.6	26.7	11.5	83.1
TOTAL		43,548				52.6

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There were some 802 Episcopalians residing within this parish area at the time of our Study making up 1.8% of the total population. Of these 802 persons, some 232 or 28.9% of all the Episcopalians residing in the area, were members of the Church of the Holy Communion, and these 232 persons made up 63.7% of the 364 mapped parish members.

Information on churches and schools serving this immediate parish area may be found in the attached report.

CENSUS TRACT OR ZONE	EDUCATION OF ADULTS 25 YRS. OF AGE & OVER				
	%	%	%	MED.	
	H.S. GRAD.	COLLEGE 1-3 YRS.	COLLEGE GRAD.	AGE M	AGE F
36C	18.5	1.6	0.8	27.7	31.8
36A	11.8	1.8	0.7	35.2	34.7
36F	15.4	1.9	1.2	29.9	32.1
36D	13.4	1.0	0.9	24.8	27.8
30B	10.8	2.3	1.4	35.2	35.3

CENSUS TRACT OR ZONE	NON-WHITE POPULATION		% CHANGE	RESIDENCE 1955 SAME AS 1960	
	1950	1960		PERCENT	
36C	NA	4,517	-	69.7	
36A	NA	4,564	-	62.7	
36F	NA	3,355	-	77.1	
36D	NA	2,794	-	65.2	
30B	7,850	7,674	-2.2	59.0	
TOTAL		22,904			

CENSUS TRACT OR ZONE	TOTAL POP.	TOTAL EPIS.	% OF POP. EPIS.	TOTAL PARISH MEMB.	% EPIS. MEMB.	% PARISH MEMB.
36C	5,046	122	2.4	41	33.6	11.3
36A	4,614	68	1.5	0	-	-
36F	9,677	354	3.7	89	25.1	24.4
36D	14,971	166	1.1	97	58.4	26.6
30B	9,240	92	1.0	5	5.4	1.4
TOTAL	43,548	802	1.8	232	28.9	63.7

THE CHURCH PROGRAM

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The Memorial Church of the Holy Communion reported some 90 families and 65 individuals not in families within the membership. It was estimated that approximately 120 communicants attended regularly during the past year, 150 attended occasionally, 25 lived in the community but did not attend, and more than 90 persons were kept on the parish records, not transferred. On the average Sunday approximately 105 persons attended church and church school. The church school reported some 84 enrolled students and 11 teachers. During the course of the last year the attendance at church school services ranged from a low of 32 to a high of 84.

One organization serving the Memorial Church of the Holy Communion was the Advisory Council which was the governing body of the chapel responsible to the vestry of the Church of the Holy Apostles' and the Mediator. This group has almost complete autonomy, and the vicar presides. At the time of our Study the governing body of the parish, which included the Memorial Chapel, was in process of having a management review. Other organizations serving the church were: Girls Friendly Society, the Episcopal Churchwomen, the Altar Society and Chancel Guild, Evening Group of the Churchwomen, Boys Club, and the Junior and Senior Choirs.

During the course of the last recorded year the congregation pledged some \$4,041.00 for the work of the church and the church received approximately \$718.00 in plate offerings and \$9,112.00 in endowment income.

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Special fund drives brought in \$6136.00. Unfortunately, this congregation does not have a thorough Every Member Canvass, and this is quite obvious when the pledged income is examined.

When future policy, program, and budget were considered, major opportunities, major problems and program needs were thoroughly discussed and evaluated. This section of the report is worthy of note and is contained on Page J-30 in the attached section.

GENERAL DIVISION OF RESEARCH AND FIELD STUDY
Episcopal Church Center
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New York, N. Y. 10017

Date December 1964

CHURCH SELF-STUDY FORM

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I. IDENTIFICATION

Street 2631 Wharton Street

County Philadelphia

Parish or Mission Parochial Chapel

Church Memorial Chapel of the Holy Communion

City Philadelphia

Diocese Pennsylvania

State Pennsylvania

What geographic area does this church serve? South Philadelphia -- west of

25th Street, to the Schuylkill River, south of Wharton Street, generally.

II. THE CHURCH NEIGHBORHOOD

A. The church is located in a section of the city which is occupied by:

Downtown commercial uses _____ Industrial uses _____ Apartment dwellings _____

Rooming houses X Single-home dwellings _____ A college _____ Military uses _____

Other institutions _____

B. If more than one type is checked above, please clarify:

Many of the single houses to the north are occupied by several families.

C. Is the church neighborhood changing in any way? Describe:

Has been changing for the last 20 years from a working class white neighborhood to a colored shum, particularly to the north. To the south we are still a working class white neighborhood, though pretty strongly RC.

D. Describe the immediate church neighborhood:

Wharton Street (mixed white and colored) is in good shape, Titan Street to the north is fair (colored), particularly the houses that are owned by the occupants. To the south of Wharton Street most of the houses are occupied by the owners and in good shape. North of Wharton Street, with only a few old white families, is in bad shape. Much of it is going to be torn down in the city redevelopment plan. This is particularly true of west of 26th Street, and west of Gray's Ferry Road. This west of Gray's Ferry has always been a problem neighborhood, and was the scene of frightful riots and carnage during the Civil War. Books on gangs always speak of the Gray's Ferry gangs. It is quiet now, but slummy, and industrial to the south west.

E. The following schools are located within the church neighborhood:

PUBLIC GRADE SCHOOLS

ADDRESS

Benson School

27th and Wharton

Anthony Wayne

28th and Morris

PUBLIC JUNIOR AND SENIOR
HIGH SCHOOLS

ADDRESS

Audenried

33rd and Tasker

South Phila High School

Broad and Snyder

PRIVATE OR PAROCHIAL NURSERY SCHOOLS

ADDRESS

St. Gabriel's (RC)

28th and Reed

PRIVATE OR PAROCHIAL GRADE SCHOOLS

ADDRESS

St. Gabriel's (RC)

29th and Reed

King of Peace (RC)

27th and Wharton

PRIVATE OR PAROCHIAL JUNIOR AND
SENIOR HIGH SCHOOLS

ADDRESS

Bishop Neumann (RC)

26th and Morris

JUNIOR COLLEGES AND COLLEGES

ADDRESS

E. The following churches are located within the church neighborhood:

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III. HISTORY OF THE CONGREGATION

Please write out a short history of this congregation. How was the work started? Give the important dates and events.

The Memorial Chapel of the Holy Communion is a Parochial Chapel of the Church of the Holy Apostles and the Mediator (51st and Spruce Sts). It was founded in 1884 by the Church of the Holy Apostles (now defunct) and merged with what was the Chapel of the Mediator. Services, conducted by students of the Philadelphia Divinity School, were first held in a hall on Gray's Ferry Road. Within two years the work had so grown that a permanent site was found at 27th and Wharton Streets. This section was called in Philadelphia "centennial development". When the Chapel was built it stood in open fields, though there were some brick yards nearby. Mr. George C. Thomas, a partner of Drexel and Company, and sometime treasurer of the old Board of Missions, asked if he might build the Chapel and other buildings as a thank-offering for the recovery of his son from a grievous illness. (Mr. Thomas also built and partially endowed five or six other churches in Philadelphia, Honolulu and Chicago.) His interest in the Chapel continued until his death when he endowed it rather generously. His daughter continued his interest until her death two years ago. Phillips Brooks was much interested and associated with the Chapel at its beginning. He preached at the opening, and also came down from Boston to preach at its dedication in 1888, and also came once each year until his death to preach. By 1900 the work had so developed that there were 600 children in the Sunday School, two morning, an afternoon and an evening service, two priests, a deaconess, a social worker, and a secretary. In 1891 the Parish Hall was built by Mr. and Mrs. Thomas in memory of their parents. The present Vicarage was built in 1907 for Bp Remington (the brother of his son-in-law) by Mr. Thomas. There was much social work done here -- blanket clubs, sick-benefit clubs, and, at one time in another building, a children's clinic and planned parenthood center (rather daring for 1900!) It has always been an Irish center and most of the older people immigrated from Ireland, and most of the congregation is descended from these. It is still all white. The Chapel has been self-supporting since the 2nd year of its existence and why it has never become a parish is a mystery.

IV. THE LOCAL CONGREGATION

A. Church properties:

1. Describe and give location of all land owned by the congregation, reporting the use of each parcel.

The Corporation of the Church of the Holy Apostles holds title to about
a third of a city-block, on which are located a Vicarage (with a
connecting building of three rooms), a Church, with cloister
and a Parish Hall and large yards in front of vicarage in in the back.

2. Type of church building: Frame ☐ Brick ☐ Stone ☒ Other ☐
(type)

Describe the church building, giving number of sittings; condition of building; and improvements needed; with estimated cost:

About 400 sittings; building in excellent condition; and needs no
improvements.

Replacement Value \$ 75,000. Amount of insurance carried \$ adequate

3. Type of parish hall or house: Attached ☒ Separated ☐; In basement of the church ☐; Frame ☐ Brick ☒ Stone ☐ Other ☐
(type)

Describe, giving the number of rooms, the condition of the building, and improvements needed, with the estimated cost.

Large hall, also used as a gym, 2 choir rooms, a large room for the
primary department, an office, game room, kitchen, showers. The
kitchen is inadequate, and may be replaced.

Replacement value \$ 75,000. Amount of insurance carried \$ adequate

4. Type of rectory or clergy house: Attached _____ Separated: _____; Frame _____
Brick _____ Stone x Other _____
(type)

Describe, giving the number of rooms, the condition of this building, and improvements needed, with estimated cost.

This is a stone house, with large back and front yards, nine rooms and 3 and $\frac{1}{2}$ baths, is in excellent condition and needs no repairs or improvements.

Is it used as a clergy residence? X If not, what use is made of the building?

Replacement value: \$40,000 Insurance carried: \$adequate

5. Describe all other buildings owned or used by the congregation, giving (a) type of construction; (b) number of rooms; (c) condition; (d) improvements needed and estimated cost; (e) replacement value; (f) amount of insurance carried; and (g) present use.

B. Membership (secure from parish records);

1. Number of church families: Total Number 90
 Number of individuals not in families 65

Baptized membership			Communicants			Church School		
<u>1950</u>	<u>1960</u>	<u>Now</u>	<u>1950</u>	<u>1960</u>	<u>Now</u>	<u>1950</u>	<u>1960</u>	<u>Now</u>
_____	_____	<u>c. 350</u>	_____	_____	<u>c. 375</u>	_____	_____	<u>94</u>

	<u>5 yrs. ago</u>	<u>4 yrs. ago</u>	<u>3 yrs. ago</u>	<u>2 yrs. ago</u>	<u>Last year</u>
3. Number of baptized members who were removed from the parish list	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Number of baptized members who were added to the parish list	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

4. Communicants added:					
By confirmation from Episcopal families	_____	<u>20</u>	_____	_____	_____
By confirmation from other Churches	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
By reception from other Churches	_____	<u>3</u>	_____	_____	_____
By baptism and confirmation from no church	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Total	_____	<u>23</u>	_____	_____	_____

5. Attendance:

Number of communicants who attended regularly last year	<u>120</u>
Number of communicants who attended occasionally	<u>150</u>
Number who did not attend last year, but lived in the community	<u>25?</u>
Number of communicants who did not live in the community, but were on the parish records, not transferred	<u>90 or more</u>

6. How many persons attended the last annual business meeting? 62

V. WORSHIP

A. List schedule of regular Sunday services, including church school:

TYPE OF SERVICE	HOUR	ATTENDANCE (Adults & Children)*		
		LOW	AVERAGE	HIGH
<u>Holy Communion</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>152 (Easter)</u>
<u>Morning Prayer</u>	<u>10.45</u>	<u>42</u>	<u>80</u>	
<u>Holy Communion (1st Sunday)</u>	<u>10.45</u>	<u>45</u>	<u>80</u>	<u>190 (Easter)</u>
<u>Evening Prayer for YPF</u>	<u>7PM</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>12</u>

*Use figures from Church Service Register

B. Weekday services:

TYPE OF SERVICE	DAY AND HOUR	ATTENDANCE*		
		LOW	AVERAGE	HIGH
<u>Holy Communion</u>	<u>Holy Days & Weds 7 or 9</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>36</u>

*Use figures from Church Service Register

C. Special services or missions held during the average year (including Lent):

Evening Prayer, Wednesdays in Lent attendance never under 80

D. Number and nature of services in which this congregation participates with other Episcopal congregations. State average attendance from this congregation:

Convocation Thanksgiving Eve Service ?

Brotherhood of St. Andrew Corporate Communion 18

E. What experiments or adjustments have been made in changing the hours or the format of services? Comment on results:

None except that the present Vicar has tried to bring the services up to date, to improve the music, and to get rid of some sentimental froth. The services are also strictly in agreement with the BCP.

F. Additional information about Sunday services:

1. Are birthdays, anniversaries, and the departed regularly remembered? Yes
2. Is there a coffee or hospitality hour after any service? Sometimes
3. Is baby care provided during any service? If necessary

VI. CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

A. Church School

1. Registration and attendance

a. Teachers and staff	11
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b. Students	8/
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Total	
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c. Lowest total classroom attendance during the past year 32

d. Highest total classroom attendance during the past year (except for Christmas and Easter) 34

e. Are absentee cards used? Yes

f. How many months of the year is the church school in operation? 10

g. If teachers call on students in case of absence, or for other reasons, please give details.

Generally telephone and see where
the child was and tell the Vicar in case of illness. If the
~~absence is prolonged, the Vicar calls to see what is wrong.~~

2. Worship schedule

[illegible]

3. Instruction schedule

[illegible]

4. List the teaching aids used, including audio-visual material.

Episcopal Fellowship Materials. Occasional movie on Missionary work.
Occasional black-board illustration on Baptism, Holy Communion by Vicar.

5. Describe the program for pre-school children.

Learning simple prayers, hymns, coloring pictures, as in Episcopal Fellowship

6. Data on the teaching staff

a. How are teachers recruited? From Church School of the past.

b. Describe the way in which teachers are trained, giving
the number of sessions, the leader, etc. Occasional

discussion groups on School problems at monthly meeting and how to use
the material

c. How are teachers assisted in the performance of their duties?

d. Summary of teachers' backgrounds

<u>AGE</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>EDUCATION</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>YEARS TEACHING</u>	<u>Number</u>
19 years or less	<u> </u>	Grade school	<u> </u>	one	<u> </u>
20 to 29	<u> 2 </u>	Junior high	<u> </u>	two	<u> </u>
30 to 39	<u> 9 </u>	Senior high	<u> 9 </u>	three	<u> </u>
40 to 49	<u> </u>	1 to 3 years college	<u> </u>	four	<u> </u>
50 years or more	<u> 2 </u>	College grad.	<u> 2 </u>	five	<u> </u>
		Graduate study	<u> </u>	6 to 10	<u> </u>
Male	<u> 2 </u>			11 to 20	<u> </u>
Female	<u> 8 </u>			20 and over	<u> </u>

E. Confirmation Instruction

1. Children

- a. What is the usual age of confirmation? 12 b. How many instruction sessions are held? 8 c. How long is each session? 1 hour d. Who is the instructor? The Vicar e. What material is used? A series of instructions he has developed by use. Each child keeps a note book.
- f. What is the relationship of the confirmation class material to the regular church school curriculum? The teachers teach the Offices of Instruction and sees that each child has some knowledge of the contents.

2. Adults

- a. How many sessions are held? 8 b. How long is each session? 1 hour c. Who is the instructor? The Vicar d. What material is used? Lectures by the Vicar based on his experience.

F. Adult Education

1. List the general adult education program in the congregation, including Bible classes, parents' classes, discussion groups, etc.

<u>NAME OF GROUP</u>	<u>NUMBER OF MEMBERS</u>	<u>NUMBER OF MEETINGS</u>	<u>LENGTH OF MEETINGS</u>	<u>INSTRUCTOR</u>
<u>Bible Class</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>48</u>	<u>1 hour</u>	<u>Mr. Minter</u>
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2. What Retreats, Missions, Quiet Days, etc., have the members participated in during the last two years? Estimate the total number of participants.

The Women have a Quiet Day each year. Last year there were 20 in attendance.

The women also go to a Diocesan Quiet day, some of them, no idea how many

3. What leader- and participant-training programs have been held in the last two years, such as the Indiana Plan, Parish Life Conferences, Missions, and Institutes? Estimate the total number of participants.

None

- G. How can the Christian education program of this congregation be strengthened?

I don't know

VII. SUMMARY OF ORGANIZATIONS - Include, where applicable, vestry or bishop's committee, parish council, choirs, guilds, circles, ushers, acolytes (for men as well as boys), college work, etc.

A. For Women

1. Give the total number of adult women in the congregation. 100
2. Give the number of organizations for adult women. 3
3. Give the total active membership of all these organizations. 37

B. For Men

1. Give the total number of adult men in the congregation. 100
2. Give the number of organizations for adult men. 1
3. Give the total membership of all these organizations. 12

C. For Men and Women

1. Give the number of organizations for men and women. 2
2. Give the total active membership of all these organizations. 47

D. For Girls in:

	<u>grade school</u>	<u>junior high</u>	<u>high school</u>
1. Total number of girls	<u>20</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>18</u>
2. Number of organizations	<u>1</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
3. Total active membership	<u> </u>	<u>10</u>	<u> </u>

E. For Boys in:

		<u>grade school</u>	<u>junior high</u>	<u>high school</u>
1. Total number of boys		<u>25</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>10</u>
2. Number of organizations	2	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
3. Total active membership	23	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

F. For Youth in:

		<u>grade school</u>	<u>junior high</u>	<u>high school</u>
1. Number of organizations	YPF	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
2. Total active membership	12	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

N. B. Please make a separate report for each individual organization, using the format on the following pages.

VIII. REPORT FOR INDIVIDUAL ORGANIZATION

A. Name Advisory Council

Total active members 12 Average attendance at meetings 10

Number of meetings each month 1 Day and time of meetings Mon 8 PM

B. Why does this organization exist?

Governing body of Chapel, responsible to the Vestry of the Church of
Holy Apostles and the Mediator. This group has almost complete autonomy,
though the great Vestry could refuse. The Vicar presides.

The governing body of the Parish is in process of review. (whole parish)
C. From what group in the congregation are the members drawn?

Adult, baptised and confirmed communicants who are contributors.

D. Describe the worship and the educational program.

Opened and closed with prayer.

E. Describe the other activities of the organization.

There are property, finance, Church School, and other committees as
needed.

F. What are the major opportunities and problems of this organization?

More action and less "leave it up to the Vicar."

G. What can be done for greater effectiveness? I don't know

Signed by: William Stenz

Title: Clerk

VIII. REPORT FOR INDIVIDUAL ORGANIZATION

A. Name Girl's Friendly Society

Total active members 10 Average attendance at meetings 8

Number of meetings each month 4 Day and time of meetings Sat, 2

B. Why does this organization exist?

Ordinary Girl's Friendly Society

C. From what group in the congregation are the members drawn?

Teen agers

D. Describe the worship and the educational program.

Have their own chaplain who leads in prayer.

E. Describe the other activities of the organization.

Make things.

F. What are the major opportunities and problems of this organization?

G. What can be done for greater effectiveness?

More girls active

Signed by: Isabelle Peoples

Title: Advisor

VIII. REPORT FOR INDIVIDUAL ORGANIZATION

A. Name Episcopal Church Women of the Chapel of the Holy Communion, afternoon

Total active members 14 Average attendance at meetings 12

Number of meetings each month 1 Day and time of meeting Thurs 1.30

B. Why does this organization exist?

Ordinary activities of such group.

C. From what group in the congregation are the members drawn? Older women

D. Describe the worship and the educational program.

Opened and closed with prayer by their own chaplain or the Vicar.

Have a mission study class in Lent, and a Quiet Day.

E. Describe the other activities of the organization.

President is active in the Church Periodical Club. Other women

attend and report on other Diocesan Committees. One member is
secretary of the Convocation Epis Ch Women.

F. What are the major opportunities and problems of this organization?

Attract more women to group

G. What can be done for greater effectiveness?

Signed by: Mrs. August Betker

Title: President

VIII. REPORT FOR INDIVIDUAL ORGANIZATION

A. Name Altar Society and Chancel Guild

Total active members 11 Average attendance at meetings _____

Number of meetings each month rare meetings Day and time of meeting _____

B. Why does this organization exist?

To care for the Altar, Vestments, Chancel; cleaning and seeing that
all is in order for services.

C. From what group in the congregation are the members drawn? _____

Women, mostly middle aged.

D. Describe the worship and the educational program.

occasional lectures by the Vicar on history of liturgy and the
care of the Chancel and Altar.

E. Describe the other activities of the organization.

No other

F. What are the major opportunities and problems of this organization?

G. What can be done for greater effectiveness? _____

Signed by: Francis F.E. Blake

Title: Vicar

VIII. REPORT FOR INDIVIDUAL ORGANIZATION

A. Name Episcopal Church Women, Evening group

Total active members 12 Average attendance at meetings 8

Number of meetings each month 1 Day and time of meetings Tues 8 PM

B. Why does this organization exist?

Ordinary activites of such a group

C. From what group in the congregation are the members drawn?

Younger women, ie, under 45

D. Describe the worship and the educational program.

Opened and closed with prayer. Study missionary programme in Lent.

E. Describe the other activities of the organization.

The women also send out all mailings, and are supposed to be on call
for any extras the Vicar may have in mind. They do t is well

F. What are the major opportunities and problems of this organization?

The main problem is that women do not like to come to evening
meetings in this neighborhood.

G. What can be done for greater effectiveness?

Signed by: Mrs. Samuel Hill

Title: President

VIII. REPORT FOR INDIVIDUAL ORGANIZATION

A. Name Boy's Club

Total active members 18 Average attendance at meetings 15

Number of meetings each month 4 Day and time of meetings Fri 7 PM

B. Why does this organization exist:

Basketball!

C. From what group in the congregation are the members drawn?

Boys who live in the neighborhood and are attendants at the Church school.

D. Describe the worship and the educational program.

Corporate communion once a month for those who are confirmed.

E. Describe the other activities of the organization.

Assist in care of Churchyard.

F. What are the major opportunities and problems of this organization?

Too much running around.

G. What can be done for greater effectiveness?

Parents to take more interest.

Signed by: Harold Smith

Title: Leader

VIII. REPORT FOR INDIVIDUAL ORGANIZATION

A. Name Choir -- Junior and Senior

Total active members 20 Average attendance at meetings 17

Number of meetings each month 4 Day and time of meetings Thurs 7 and 8 PM

B. Why does this organization exist?

To lead the people's praises

C. From what group in the congregation are the members drawn?

Anyone who can sing and wants to do so.

D. Describe the worship and the educational program.

They are given training in singing the Church's music.

E. Describe the other activities of the organization.

Have annual outing

F. What are the major opportunities and problems of this organization?

More regularity in rehearsing.

G. What can be done for greater effectiveness?

Signed by: Lloyd C. Minter

Title: Choir Director

IX. CLERGY OR LAY READERS IN CHARGE SINCE 1930

<u>NAME</u>	<u>APPROX. AGE AT START OF MINISTRY HERE</u>	<u>PERIOD OF TENURE</u>	<u>MOVED TO:</u>
Frank Bonnyng	45	30 yrs	Retired and went back to Ireland
Frederick Price, Jr	62	6 yrs	Retired
Francis F.E. Blake	58		

A. Does the present minister live in the neighborhood? yes

Does he give full time to this church? yes If not, what other church(es) does he serve, or what other work does he do?

B. How many people from this parish have gone into full-time work for the church within the past ten years, or are now studying for such work? none
Please give details.

C. How many licensed lay readers serve the congregation now? none

Do any lay readers from this congregation serve other congregations? No

If so, which congregations? _____

X. FINANCE

A. Income (Last Full Year): (1) Pledges \$ 4041.36 (2) Plate offerings \$ 717.57 (3) Parish or mission organizations \$ _____ (4) Endowments \$ 9112.31

(5) Special fund drives \$ 6136.36 (6) Other (please specify) \$ _____

We have also a suspense account of \$6916.40 from matured investments.

Some of the endowment income is for special purposes and cannot be used for ordinary expenses.

	1940	1945	1950	1955	1960	Last Full Year
B. Disbursements						
Total current expenses						<u>18121.27</u>

Diocesan Assessment

Missionary Disbursements

Special parish expense

Clergy salary or salaries:
from congregation

a)

b)

from other sources

a)

b)

Rental value of the rectory \$ _____

Is the church in debt? no Amount of debt \$ _____ Method of repayment _____

\$5000 and utilities

Finance (cont'd)

7. Is a thorough Every Member Canvass conducted each year? No

If yes, by mail or personal solicitation? _____ Describe the training of the canvassers. _____

8. What other means of fund raising or stewardship education are used?

Mainly special appeals to which the people respond generously.

9. If this is a mission or aided parish, what is the potential for self-support?

Has been self-supporting since its second year of existence

10. Additional comments or information on finances:

We have an endowment, but we could exist not on our present standard without it.

C. Travel:

1. Does the priest have a car? Yes

2. By whom is the car purchased? Priest x Congregation _____ Diocese _____

3. How much is the annual operating expense of the car, omitting depreciation,

\$? 4. By whom is the operating expense paid? Vicar

5. How much does the local congregation pay? \$25 a month.

6. Average number of miles traveled per month on church business ?

XI. CHRISTIAN EVANGELISM AND VISITATION

A. Clergy pastoral calling during the past year by rector or vicar:*

TYPE OF CALL	NUMER OF CALLS PER WEEK		
	LOW	AVERAGE	HIGH
1. Family or routine parish	<u>2</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>?</u>
2. Sick or emergency	<u>1</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>10</u>
3. Calls for other purposes	<u> rare </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
4. Time set aside for pastoral calling: 3-5 most afternoons, 7 -9 some evenings, <u>not more than twice a week in the evening.</u>			

5. How do the clergy organize their parish calling? The vicar takes a street card from the file and goes to see the people who live in that street, and when they are all seen takes another street.

6. How do the clergy organize their calling on the unchurched and newcomers?
We rarely have a newcomer, but when one does come the vicar goes to see the person at once. He is, however, well known in the neighborhood and is called upon by many who have no Church connection for funerals and sick visits. The two Presbyterian ministers live at a distance, and he is called upon frequently (about 20 times a year) to pray with dying members of one of those churches.

7. Time spent in pastoral counseling (average hours per week) Don't know

*Please give similar information, separately, for other clergy.

B. Lay calling:

1. Describe the Zone or Neighborhood Organization. None

2. Describe the program of lay pastoral visitation, including the number of participants and the time spent.

None

3. Describe the program of lay evangelism (including the congregation's approach to newcomers and to the unchurched), giving the number of participants and the amount of time. The congregation is urged to greet newcomers and visitors, and they do this. We do not have many visitors or newcomers.
4. How are newcomers integrated into the life of this congregation?
Asked to join in any activities we may be having.
5. Describe any religious census of the area made by the congregation itself or with other churches during the last ten years.
None that is known.

XII. COMMUNICATIONS

- A. What use is made of the press? Occasional ads.
- B. What use is made of radio and/or television? Notice is given of special events, such as Founder's Day.
- C. What use is made of the U. S. Mail? Letters are periodically sent to all members.
- D. Describe the regular publications which are mailed or distributed, including Sunday bulletins, parish newsletters, etc. Sunday Leaflet, occasional appeals, notices of special events, ie, a Bazaar, Lenten preachers, Diocesan Campaigns.
- E. How many church road signs are there? One in front of the Chapel.

XIII. NEIGHBORHOOD OR COMMUNITY

A. Is this congregation community-minded? Not expecially.

B. Describe the clergy participation in community affairs. Vicar attends
the Community Council and the Re-Development Authority Meetings.

C. Describe the participation of the congregation in community affairs.
Some are participants in the Community Council and the Re-development.
There is to be great re-development in the next few years.

D. Describe the parish program for the immediate neighborhood.
Only the ordinary Sunday Services and organization meetings.
The children in Titan Street (colored) have a large garden in the back of
the Parish Hall of which they are very proud and do all the work.

E. List community organizations using the parish hall and its facilities:
Orangemen's Band. Grandum Coal Distribution to the poor.
Rare meetings of the Community Council.

F. Describe the way in which the congregation cooperates with other religious bodies:
We have practically no connection. When the Vicar first came, he
tried to call on the pastors of the two Presbyterian Churches. He never
could find out where one lived, and the other lives in the suburbs and he
was told by the sexton that the pastor was never there except on Sundays.
We do have friendly relations with the Russian Orthodox, whose Church
was founded in our Parish Hall and who worshipped in our Church until theirs
was build. The Vicar and the Pastor of the King of Peace (RC) have a
gardening friendship and they exchange plants and seeds. Religiously,
any neighborhood church connection is negative.

XIV. PARTICIPATION IN DIOCESAN AND NATIONAL CHURCH PROGRAMS:

- A. What offices do the clergy hold in the diocese, missionary district, or National Church? Executive Committee of Convocation.
- B. What offices do the lay people hold in the diocese, missionary district, or National Church? One woman is secretary of S. Phila Convocation of Episcopal Church Women. One man is on the Executive Committee of Convocation.
- C. What diocesan or National Church programs have directly benefited this congregation? I don't know
- D. Describe the men's participation in diocesan programs: Attend Convocation and Brotherhood of St. Andrew Corporate Communion.
- E. Describe the women's participation in diocesan programs: Some of the women are active in the Convocation and in the Church Periodical Club in attend other diocesan Churhwomen meetings.
- F. Describe youth participation in diocesan programs: Some attend Summer Conferences.
- G. Does this congregation pay its full Missionary Share or Quota? Yes
- H. What percent of the congregation's budget goes for missionary work? 15%

XV. STAFF

- A. List all paid personnel working for this congregation, giving title, functions, and salary, and telling whether full or part-time.

Vicar, The Rev. Francis F.E. Blake, ordinary work of Parish priest,
Salary \$5000 and all utilities.

Sexton, Mr. Thomas Mulligan, ordinary sexton's work \$1400 a year.

Orgainist, Mrs. George Williams, plays at services and rehearsals, \$600 a year

Laundress, \$6 a month, washes and irons surpices.

- B. Describe the use of volunteer personnel by this congregation.

Two women who do secretarial work as the Vicar asks them.

XVI. FUTURE POLICY, PROGRAM, AND BUDGET

- A. In adopting a policy for an expanded program for this congregation, in order to vitalize its Christian witness to the community; to extend its outreach of Christian fellowship to all the unchurched; to increase initiative and responsibility for all members of the congregation; to develop local financial resources with a view towards self-support and parochial status (if not already attained); and to further other essential advances, what are the immediate needs as to:

1. Personnel: A secretary would be a help and also a Parish Visitor.

2. Buildings: No need of change

3. Equipment: No needed equipment

- B. What are the major opportunities that face this congregation?

Something must be done with the children of the neighborhood. The Vicar has built up an attitude of good will in the neighborhood which did not exist when he came, both with the white and colored. There is no question but that they should be here, but when the Negroes have been told for 50 years that they are not welcome it is not easy to break down that tradition.

- C. What are the major problems that face this congregation?

The Vicar hopes that he has built up enough good-will that when he retires, possibly in a year and a half, that his successor may reap the fruits. The major problem is making the Church relate to the neighborhood. If the Chapel is to be an Irish Club, all right; if it is to be the universal Church, it is all wrong.

- D. What program needs seem evident on the basis of this Study?

One of our great problems is that we have not made Episcopalians of many of the people who were brought up here. Many of the most active of the middle-age group who leave the neighborhood think nothing of joining the Presbyterian Church and they are people who have been on the Advisory Council, Sunday School Teachers, Choir singers, etc..

- E. What would be the approximate capital cost to meet these needs?

Provided our income remains as it is, we should have no trouble financially.

7. What problems does the church school have? _____

B. Vacation Church School

1. When is it held? _____

2. For how long each day? _____

3. What type of courses are taught? _____

4. How many children attend, usually? _____

5. How many of these children are regular pupils of this congregation's church school? _____

6. How many teachers are there? _____

C. Released Time Program

1. When are classes held? _____

2. What type of courses are taught? _____

3. How many of this congregation's children attend? _____

4. What is the relationship of the teachers to this congregation? _____

5. What is the relationship of the Released Time classes to the Christian education program of this congregation? _____

D. Day School: If the congregation has a day school, please fill out the Parochial School Report Form and submit it with this report.

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REPORTED MEMBERSHIP FROM MAPS

A total of 364 persons were recorded on the membership distribution map and this is in marked contrast to some 830 reported in the Parochial Reports. The highest concentration of membership is reported to be south of Wharton Avenue and west of 27th Street with a secondary concentration in the immediate area of the church. The following membership distribution is noted.

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REPORTED MEMBERSHIP AND FINANCIAL DATA FROM JOURNALS

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During the past decade, the baptized membership, the communicant strength and the church school enrollment declined sharply. From 1961 to 1963, inclusive, the baptized membership showed evidence of growth; since 1960 the communicant strength and church school enrollment have continued to decline.

During the past three years, the average ratios of baptisms and confirmations to the communicant strength were 1.9% and 4.3%. The corresponding national ratios are 5.4% and 5.8% respectively. From 1961 to 1963, inclusive, 21 persons were baptized at the Chapel, while 48 members were confirmed.

From 1961 to 1963, inclusive, the combined total reported expenditures were \$71,605.00, of which \$7,975.00, or 11.1%, was expended for work outside of the Chapel.

The average expenditures per communicant during the past three years (1961-1963) ranged from \$60.54 in 1961 to \$65.86 in 1962. The corresponding national ratio is approximately \$96.00.

VITAL STATISTICS

PARISH HOLY COMMUNION
COUNTY PHILADELPHIA

TOWN PHILADELPHIA
DIOCESE PENNSYLVANIA

	1940	1945	1950	1955	1960	1961	1962	1963
Baptized Members	1,363	1,408	1,357	1,048	719	819	826	830
Communicants	724	830	837	717	384	381	376	364
Church School	250	218	136	211	99	93	84	87
Baptisms	21	27	23	21	14	10	7	4
Percentage of Communicants	2.9	3.3	2.7	2.9	3.6	2.6	1.9	1.1
Confirmations	27	52	11	-	8	11	18	19
Percentage of Communicants	3.7	6.3	1.3	-	2.1	2.9	4.8	5.2
Parochial Expenditures 1	8,922	9,417	12,108	13,916	16,430	15,140	15,376	15,422
Special Par. Expenditures 2	1,048	713	3,717	6,793	4,537	5,000	6,863	5,829
Extra-parochial Expenditures 3	1,160	1,879	2,220	1,740	2,525	2,925	2,525	2,525
Total Reported Expenditures	11,130	12,009	18,045	22,449	23,492	23,065	24,764	23,776
Expenditures per Communicant	15.37	14.47	21.56	31.31	61.18	60.54	65.86	65.32
Extra-parochial Expenditures per Communicant	1.60	2.26	2.65	2.43	6.58	7.68	6.72	6.94

1 Includes clergy salary, current expense, pension premium, and Diocesan assessment.

2 Special parish purposes, including capital expenditures.

3 Includes Church's Program, special outside.

DATA ON THE CONGREGATION

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Unfortunately, the Episcopal Census data for this congregation was received too late for processing and inclusion in this Study.

DISCUSSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

MEMORIAL CHAPEL OF THE HOLY COMMUNION, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

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The Memorial Chapel of the Holy Communion is strategically located in the city of Philadelphia so as to provide a significant ministry to its neighborhood. Already in the planning stage is a re-development of the community area. Some steps toward community service have been taken by the chapel. A garden in the back of the parish hall is cared for by neighborhood children and occasionally the parish house is used by a neighborhood group. Also, the vicar attends meetings of the Community Council and meetings of the Redevelopment Authority.

Essentially, however, the church is wedded to its past. It is primarily a white congregation whose church is located in a parish area that was predominately composed of Negro residents in the census of 1960. In fact, Census Tract 36-C, where the church is located, reported 89.5% of its population as Negro in 1960. There is real value in sharing experiences with other churches which also are confronted with the question of community witness and integration. Obviously the church which has made the most progress can offer helpful advice and encouragement to the congregation which is only contemplating, or just beginning, integration. The Diocese of Pennsylvania can be of assistance here through the bishop's representative on race. Such an interchange helps the typical layman discover that his church is not unique, that he is a part of a large, interested, concerned

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fellowship. The Memorial Church of the Holy Communion should begin to study carefully the needs of its community area in order to better understand the opportunities it faces. Studies should include: education, housing and planning, equality of opportunity, economic development, health and welfare, government as it effects the community area, cultural opportunities, recreation, religion or cooperative religious efforts, and community organization. There is a clear imperative for the Memorial Church of the Holy Communion to seek to mediate Christ's Healing Ministry to all who live in its neighborhood. Jesus gave the directive when he read from the scroll at Nazareth: "Preach good news to the poor. He sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord." (Luke 4-19).

For the congregation to share in this ministry is to erect signs of this reconciliation and to witness to the Kingdom that is already breaking in upon men. The church faces this issue in the use of its facilities. The church possesses a large and imposing parish hall which is also used as a gym, contains two choir rooms, a large room for the primary department, an office, game room, kitchen, and showers. The continuing justification of the building must lie neither in its importance for the leisure time of the congregation nor, as in most institutional programs, in its use as an evangelistic weapon in the community. The building, since it is there, ought to be used to the limit to provide a place for the community to meet, to play, to learn, with no strings attached. The healing ministry of the missionary congregation, involving both service to those in need and the struggle for a more just society, depends upon cooperation with others: other churches, social

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agencies, and people with special skills from other Episcopal congregations. Some of these problems loom so large that a congregation cannot discover even where to begin to offer a ministry. One group of Christians acting alone, seeking to engage the principalities and powers can hardly find a point of contact.

There has been some difficulty in determining numerical strength of this congregation. A total of 364 baptized members is reported on the membership map, but 830 is recorded in the Parochial Reports. In the Self-Study 90 families and 65 unrelated individuals are reported. Since 364 communicants are reported, the map probably reflects communicant strength and not the total baptized membership. The number of families and unrelated individuals would not total 830 members.

On the average Sunday, attendance at all services, including the church school, averages only 14.4% of the official baptized membership reported in the Diocesan Journal. It is entirely possible that a mistake has been made in reporting, but if after careful examination of the attached data the statistics are proved correct, the parish records should be carefully examined and updated.

The Memorial Church is correctly named in one respect: it is living on the endowment income left to the church by the members of former years. On Page 7 of the Self-Study, 90 families and 65 unrelated individuals are reported, yet the total pledged income for the support of the church is only \$4,041.00, or about \$45.00 per year for the 90 families, or \$26.00 for the families and individuals not included in families. Using Page 23 of the Self-Study as a guide, a total income of \$20,007.00

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is reported, plus an additional income of \$6,916.00 for special purposes. A thorough Every Member Canvass is strongly recommended, with the hope that each family will contribute its fair share for the support of the church. Otherwise, the present membership is not able to share fully in its present-day responsibilities for local support and the support of the diocese, national missions, and overseas opportunities.

The governing body of the Memorial Chapel of the Holy Communion is called the Advisory Council and is responsible to the vestry of the Mother Church of the Holy Apostle and Mediator. A management review to consider the possibility of the Memorial Chapel becoming a parish church was reported in process at the time of this Study. The General Division of Research and Field Study does not have adequate data to make a judgement on this matter, but on the basis of the material in the report, it is possible to support the need for this kind of planning.

The Memorial Chapel of the Holy Communion is fortunate to be in its present location at this time in the history of the community. A vital witnessing and serving laity is one of the basic needs for this community area.